

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 3, last paragraph, delete the last paragraph and replace with the following paragraph:

Arranged parallel to one another in the middle of the bottom plate 10 are four strip-shaped spring elements 5. They are ~~caulked~~ calked or fixed, such as with caulk for example, in chambers provided for them in the bottom plate 10 and are mutually arranged in such a way that each of the flexible ribbon cables presses against the other at the level of the conductive track. The spring elements 5 are bent in the shape of spirals at their ends in order, in this way, to be able to exert their spring force perpendicular to the longitudinal extension of the flexible ribbon cables.

Page 5, lines 9-19, delete the paragraph and insert the following paragraph:

Figs. 5a-c show a second embodiment of the clamp connector of the invention. Fig. 5a shows a perspective view of the clamp connector in longitudinal section. In contrast to the embodiments described above, this clamp connector has two mating pieces 6a, 6b, which can be locked on the top side and bottom side of a base piece. The base piece 4 has an opening 13 in its center, through which the bare conductive tracks of the flexible ribbon cables 2, 3 can be brought into contact with one another. This occurs via the spring elements 5, which are each ~~caulked~~ fixed in the mating pieces 6a, 6b. The strain relief occurs in this embodiment example via lances 14,

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which dip into the slots 15 provided in the flexible ribbon cables 2, 3. Provided on the two mating pieces 6a, 6b are terminal stops 17, against which the head ends of the cable abut during insertion of the flexible ribbon cables into the connector in the prelocking position.